

artillery to be shot at. We have mentioned this and many of us who have spoken this evening have talked about the analogy to the United States. Could you imagine how we would respond if there was artillery fire over the Canadian border or the Mexican border? There was a point in time when that happened many years ago, and we invaded both Canada and Mexico.

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would yield, I wanted to pull out the gentleman from New Jersey's (Mr. ROTHMAN) map again, because we cannot emphasize this enough. Here is little Israel surrounded by Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan on the other side of it, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Somalia, Eritrea. It is not exactly the kind of neighborhood that is very pristine and peaceful and stable to begin with. Israel would not go out aggressively and start a conflict, as the gentleman pointed out, and I want to do it again. Statehood for these countries: Syria, 1946; Iraq, 1932; Iran, 1935; Saudi Arabia, 1932; Jordan, 1946; Lebanon, 1943; Egypt, 1952. To say Israel is the interloper because of 1948 is absurd, particularly given the fact that this is such a sliver of land here.

Mr. ROTHMAN. My colleague makes such a wonderful point. The Israelis are outnumbered 39 to one, some extraordinary number like 325 million Arabs and close to 6 million Israelis, most of them Jews, some Christians, some Israeli Arabs, outnumbered 39 to one. There is no oil in tiny little Israel. None. Tiny little Israel in a sea of other nations. Why do they focus so much attention on Israel? Why do they not just give their own people in Saudi Arabia, it is a monarchy, a kingdom, why do they not give their people democracy?

How about in Iraq? We know they are a dictatorship under Saddam Hussein. Why does he not give his people democracy and freedom? In Iran they have the mullahs, the religious council who are dictators themselves. Even over an elected Iranian president, the religious council overrules the elected officials. Why do they not give their people freedom?

The same as Syria with a totalitarian regime. Syria, who by the way has 45,000 Syrian troops in Lebanon. They are occupying Lebanon, Syria is. But why does the world focus attention on the tiny little only democracy in the entire Middle East, Israel?

Well, you know that saying when you have trouble at home you try to distract the locals by creating a bogeyman somewhere else. Rather than have the people living in these oppressive totalitarian countries fight against their totalitarian dictatorial rulers, they say all of your problems are caused by the tiny little Jewish state all these miles away who we outnumber 39 to one. It would be laughable if it were not such a horrible terrible tragedy.

America needs to talk to the Arab world and tell them, if you think the

lynch pin to peace in the Middle East is settling the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, then tell the Palestinians to accept statehood, the statehood that has been offered to them for 55 years, or at least to sit down at the negotiating table after having said, yes, we are prepared to live in peace next to the Jewish State of Israel. Then the Arab world can get the peace it says it needs before they then can free their own people. Of course, that is ridiculous.

These Arab dictatorships, monarchies, totalitarian regimes throughout the Middle East they can free their people right now, but they will not. They would rather distract them with the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. If there needs to be pressure, it needs to be put on the Arab regimes to force the Palestinians to give their own people a state by agreeing to live next to Israel.

Mr. KINGSTON. I thank the gentleman. I want to yield to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DEUTSCH) for closing remarks and also I am ready to close.

I think that in my final words that we need to stand with our ally, Israel. We need to understand that they have the right to defend themselves, and we need to have that message heard in the Middle East that we believe that Israel does have this right and is acting accordingly.

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

I think by definition every day we wake up we live in historical times. In this Chamber where we speak, it is the oldest. We are as America the oldest democracy literally in the history of the world. Many people do not know, but the law givers of the world, the law givers of the world watch us in this Chamber. In fact, the greatest law giver in the history of the world is the gentleman in the center of the Chamber, Moses.

We are part of history as we speak here tonight and as we take action as Americans, as a Congress and our ally, Israel, takes action this evening. And I think the purpose of different Members from throughout the country getting together this evening to speak about this issue is to talk about our concern. That as much as we hope and we pray and we work towards Colin Powell's efforts for a cease fire, which again we were completely united in and support for, at that same time we urge Colin Powell and particularly, obviously, the President who Colin Powell works for, that the President understand that we are listening to him. We are supportive of him in the efforts against terrorism. But to stop Israel, to attempt to stop Israel from rooting out terrorism is sending a wrong message to terrorists.

It is saying that terrorism succeeds, that terrorist actions will get the United States to do things against its allies; that you can bomb us; you can suicide bomb us; you can sniper attack bomb us; you can kill our children, our women at sacred events in the most inhumane conceivable things and force

us to do things. And that is not the message that I believe President Bush has sent to the world nor can we send to the world.

We need to be supportive of Israel and its efforts to eliminate terrorism as they were of us, as the rest of the world was of us, as all Americans are with us. And I urge the President to continue in those efforts in the coming days.

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlemen for their leadership on this issue.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BECERRA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of business in the district.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and the balance of the week on account of the death of his stepfather.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DOGGETT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. WELDON of Florida) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. RAMSTAD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WELDON of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, April 10.

Mr. GEKAS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, April 10.

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1222. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 89 River Street in Hoboken, New Jersey, as the "Frank Sinatra Post Office Building", to the Committee on Government Reform.

S. 1499. An act to provide assistance to small business concerns adversely impacted by the terrorist attacks perpetrated against the United States on September 11, 2001, and for other purposes to the Committee on Small Business.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of

the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by Mr. WOLF of Virginia, Speaker pro tempore:

On March 25, 2002:

H.R. 2356. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform.

H.R. 3985. An act to amend the Act entitled "An act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases", approved August 9, 1955, to provide for binding arbitration clauses in leases and contracts related to reservation lands of the Gila River Indian Community.

H.R. 3986. An act to extend the period of availability of unemployment assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act in the case of victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

On March 28, 2002:

H.R. 1432. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3698 Inner Perimeter Road in Valdosta, Georgia, as the "Major Lyn McIntosh Post Office Building".

H.R. 1748. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 805 Glen Burnie Road in Richmond, Virginia, as the "Tom Bliley Post Office Building".

H.R. 1749. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 685 Turnberry Road in Newport News, Virginia, as the "Herbert H. Bateman Post Office Building".

H.R. 2577. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 310 South State Street in St. Ignace, Michigan, as the "Bob David Post Office Building".

H.R. 2876. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located in Harlem, Montana, as the "Francis Bardanouve United States Post Office Building".

H.R. 2910. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3131 South Crater Road in Petersburg, Virginia, as the "Norman Sisisky Post Office Building".

H.R. 3072. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 125 Main Street in Forest City, North Carolina, as the "Vernon Tarlton Post Office Building".

H.R. 3379. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 375 Carlls Path in Deer Park, New York, as the "Raymond M. Downey Post Office Building".

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House reports that on March 25, 2002 he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 1499. To amend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 to permit individuals who enroll in an institution of higher education more than 3 years after graduating from a secondary school and individuals who attend private historically black colleges and universities nationwide to participate in the tuition assistance programs under such Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2739. To amend Public Law 107-10 to authorize a United States plan to endorse and obtain observer status for Taiwan at the annual summit of the World Health Assem-

bly in May 2002 in Geneva, Switzerland, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3985. To amend the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases", approved August 9, 1955 to provide for binding arbitration clauses in leases and contracts related to reservation lands of the Gila River Indian Community.

H.R. 3986. To extend the period availability of unemployment assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act in the case of victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House reports that on March 26, 2002 he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 2356. To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 55 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 10, 2002, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6019. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Regulations Governing the California Prune/ Plum (Tree Removal) Diversion Program [Docket No. FV01-81-01 FR] (RIN: 0581-AC03) received March 15, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6020. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV02-925-1 FR] received March 12, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6021. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Onions Grown in South Texas; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV02-959-1 FR] received March 12, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6022. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Melons Grown in South Texas; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV02-979-1 FR] received March 15, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6023. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Nectarines and Peaches Grown in California; Revision of Reporting Requirements for Fresh Nectarines and Peaches [Docket No. FV01-916-3 FR] received March 15, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6024. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Kiwi fruit Grown in

California; Relaxation of Pack Requirements [Docket No. FV02-920-1 FR] received March 15, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6025. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Interim Final and Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 2001-2002 Marketing Year [Docket No. FV02-982-1 IFR] received March 15, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6026. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Reduction in Production Cap for 2002 Diversion Program [Docket No. FV02-989-2 IFR] received March 15, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6027. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Beef Promotion and Research; Reapportionment [Docket No. LS-01-05] received March 15, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6028. A letter from the Regulatory Contact, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fees for Official Inspection and Official Weighing Services [Docket No. FGIS-2001-003a] (RIN: 0580-AA79) received March 18, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6029. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Interim and Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 2000-2001 Marketing Year [Docket No. FV01-982-1 FIR] received March 13, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6030. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV01-905-3 FIR] received March 13, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6031. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV01-966-2 FIR] received March 13, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6032. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Rules of Practice [AMS-02-001] received March 13, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6033. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting requests to make available previously appropriated contingent emergency funds for the Department of Agriculture and a request to transfer previously appropriated funds from the Emergency Response Fund to the General Services Administration, pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 and in accordance with provisions of Public Law 107-38; (H. Doc. No. 107-194); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

6034. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting requests for emergency FY 2002 emergency supplemental appropriations, pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985; (H. Doc. No. 107-195); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.